



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
BUSSEMAKERS *et al.*
Appl. No. 09/996,953
Filed: November 30, 2001
For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules
Comprising the Promoter for
PCA3^{DD3}, A New Prostate Antigen
and Uses Thereof**

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from March 31, 2002 to July 1, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$460.00 for a three (3) month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 35712. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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